

### Class Seeks Federal Aid

Application is being made to the Federal Government to render support to the Machine Shop Adult Education Class at the Torrance Evening High School. In line with the Smith-Hughes Act, those classes which are of vital help to people in their occupations are given Federal aid, in addition to the usual State aid.

According to instructor Thomas Bray, most of the students in the class are attending to build up their skills and their income, not only in the machinist trade, but also in allied lines like electrical, welding, sheet metal, and construction.

This free adult class is held each Monday and Wednesday nights at 6:45 at the Torrance High School. Lathes, mills, grinders, shapers, and heat treating devices are available to help students learn a new trade or improve in their present line of work.

### National Supply Employee Dies

Masonic services for John Eugene Harrington, 43, of 2062 Kathy Way, were held in the Stone and Myers Chapel Wednesday, October 25. Burial was in Pocatello, Idaho.

A native of Kansas, Harrington had been employed at the National Supply Company here for 10 years. During World War II he served with the Army.

Members of the Masonic Lodge, in which he was a Junior Steward, acted as pallbearers at the services.

Surviving the deceased are his widow, Irma, of the Kathy Way address, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Harrington of Pocatello, Idaho. Two sisters, both living in Idaho, also survive him.

### BIG HUNTING FORCE

Hunting with firearms is done on a bigger scale in the U.S. and Canada than anywhere else in the world.

### All They Want Is Music, Music

Do you have an old piano? Torrance firemen, finding time hanging heavy on their hands between fires, have turned to music to fill the leisure hours during a 24-hour tour of duty at the Torrance Fire Station.

Among the musical firemen are a jewsharpist, a sweet-potatolst, a harmonicalst, and an noscharplst—all with instruments. There is even a piano player, but no piano.

If any member of the community has a piano and wants to get rid of it, the Torrance Fire Department will be glad to oblige. Simply phone Torrance 491 and ask for the piano moving detail.

### Trust Officer To Discuss Home Loans, Escrows

What the Home Owner Should Know About Escrows and Building Loans will be the subject of an informal discussion by Ted Maduros, trust officer of the Bank of America, Long Beach branch, Thursday night, November 2 at 7 o'clock in the Home Planning class in room 106 of Torrance High School.

Maduros, who has had many years background in real estate and banking loans, will explain how the buyer, seller or builder of real estate can have a trouble-free escrow and understand its operations.

This meeting is open to all persons, regardless of residence.

## Local Schools Hit 141 In Life Magazine Test

Applying the recent Life Magazine "How Good Are Your Schools" test to the local school district, officials of the Torrance System came up with a score of 141 points to rank among the top schools of the nation.

**SUPT. ANSWERS**  
The answers to the 63 questions in the test were supplied by Dr. J. Heinrich Hull, superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District, and members of the administrative staff and the various principals.

Among the questions which the school officials had to answer, "No" and the explanations for a negative answer were these:

Perhaps the lower percentage of parents attending PTA meetings here than in other communities may be due to the program of parent-teacher conferences followed in the Torrance school system. Many parents, it is felt, obtain the information through parent-teacher conferences where heretofore such information concerning their child and teaching procedures was obtained only through PTA meetings.

Not EVERY student has the advantage of a parent-teacher conference—especially in high school. Parents of high school students do not respond to notices of conferences as well as those parents of elementary students, where the response to some notices of conferences has been as high as 100 per cent.

Fewer teachers in Torrance have master's degrees because of the youngness of the district. When the district has been organized a number of years, many of the present staff of teachers will have acquired higher degrees.

**CRAMPED QUARTERS**  
The district could not answer "Yes" to a 40-minute rest period for elementary teachers—a condition brought about by a shortage of good teachers, limited space, and heavy enrollment in the lower grades.

Although laymen are not used to supplement the classroom instruction as apparently recommended in the Life magazine, the local district might be able to claim one-half point on the answer. Each semester students are sent into industry, municipal departments, and business houses to learn something of the routine of the various occupational fields. Also, speakers from local industries

**CAFETERIAS IN USE**  
Hot food is not obtainable in local schools because the cafeterias are at present being used for classrooms. When the building program is able to catch up with the ever-increasing enrollment in local schools, the cafeterias will be used according to the original room-use plan.

Printed below is the text as it was published in Life magazine and the answers given to each question by local school district officials:

- At least 60% of the parents are members of the PTA or other educationally active organizations. Yes
- At least 50% of the members of the PTA or other educationally active organizations attend the general meetings. No
- Teacher-parent conferences are arranged for a majority of the pupils. Yes
- There are at least two teacher-parent conferences per year for every child. No
- There are citizens present at all open school-board meetings. Yes
- Public participation in local education has caused a significant change in the school within the last five years. Yes
- There has been a bond issue or tax levy extension voted within the last three years. Yes
- At least 50% of the classroom teachers have masters' degrees. No
- Teachers in the secondary school have at least one free period to every four teaching periods. Yes
- Teachers in the elementary school have at least 40 minutes of rest period during the day. No
- The same wage scale exists for both elementary and secondary school teachers. Yes
- The minimum starting salary for teachers is at least \$2,700 per year. Yes
- The possible top salary for classroom teachers is at least \$4,000 a year. Yes
- Instructors in high school vocational courses receive pay per week at least equal to the weekly wage of the trade they teach. Yes
- The teachers and school staff are allowed sick leave with

appear once a year before the students at Torrance High School to answer questions during the annual observance of Career Day.

**SEEK INDUSTRIES AID**  
Although part-time work is not used to supplement high school vocational training at the present time, the district is sounding out local industry with the plan in mind of expanding the program in the future.

No remedial reading specialist is retained by the district. The board has found that when reading difficulties are discovered, other difficulties—usually psychological in nature, also are found. The district attempts to attack the problem on this level and help the student in other fields of learning as well as in reading.

**TEACHER'S DUTY**  
Although no person is specifically responsible for a guidance program in the lower grade levels, the elementary schools are not entirely without a guidance program. Each teacher beloved to be the person closest to the student and therefore in the best position to understand the pupil's problems, is held responsible for the guidance of the children in the pre-high school grades.

Not all students in the Torrance School District are examined by a doctor each year. Students in kindergarten, first grade, fourth grade and in the eighth grade are given medical examinations. In the higher grades a large percentage of the students, especially boys, receive a medical examination before entering any organized sports program.

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- At least \$200 is spent per pupil. (Computed by dividing the total school budget for current operating expenditure by the total average attendance.) Yes
- At least \$8 was spent per pupil last year for textbooks and supplementary classroom reading material, excluding library books. Yes
- At least 35¢ was spent last year per student in average daily attendance for audio-visual material, excluding purchase of basic projection and sound equipment. Yes
- There is at least 20 square feet of floor area per classroom per pupil in average daily attendance. Yes
- At least 80% of the classrooms have movable desks. Yes
- The building is inspected yearly by an official fire or building authority. Yes
- All the buildings are at least fire resistant. Yes
- Fire drills are held at frequent intervals. Yes
- The school custodian is a full-time member of the staff. Yes
- The washing facilities have hot running water. Yes
- There are flush toilets. Yes
- The school supplies soap in the school lavatories. No
- Students can obtain hot food at the school. No
- There is a yearly medical examination of every student, requiring at least 30 minutes per pupil to perform. No
- The school provides inspection and cleaning of teeth by a dental hygienist at least once a year. No
- There is a high school football field. Yes
- There is a school gymnasium. Yes
- There is an organized intramural athletic program in the high school. Yes
- There is a club or hobby program. Yes
- At least 65% of the pupils participate in voluntary club or hobby programs. Yes
- Less than 10% of the students in either the eighth, ninth, tenth or eleventh grades dropped out last year. Yes
- A cumulative record is maintained on each student and it goes with him on transferring to a different school. Yes
- The school board, through determining its own budget without restrictions, is independent of financial control by non-school agencies of the municipal government. Yes

- The school board contributes financial aid for in-service training of teachers. Yes
- Teachers are paid and on duty at least a week before school opens. Yes
- At least one written report per semester on each student is submitted by the teachers to the principal or parent supplementary to or replacing routine report cards. Yes
- Courses comprising not less than 10% of the total curriculum have been added within the last five years. Yes
- Laymen are used systematically to supplement classroom instruction both through consultation and actual participation. No
- High school has vocational or industrial arts courses. Yes
- Employment in a part-time job is used systematically to supplement high school vocational training. No
- Science courses include at least one hour of laboratory work for every four hours of classroom instruction. Yes
- There is a kindergarten in the elementary school. Yes
- In the elementary school pupils in the same grade are grouped according to reading levels and use different readers. Yes
- The school makes use of a remedial reading specialist. No
- All students study community, including techniques of local government, through visits and participation. Yes
- The high school has an adult education program. Yes
- There is a person specifically employed to work at least half time as a director of an adult education program. Yes
- The chief administrative officer in the particular school is employed on a 12-month basis. Yes
- The chief administrative officer in the particular school is free from teaching duties. Yes
- The chief administrative officer in the particular school has engaged in professional study at a higher institution in the last five years. Yes
- The chief administrative officer in the particular school is provided with full-time clerical help. Yes
- The chief administrative officer in the particular school has a master's degree. Yes
- The chief administrative officer in the particular school has secured advice from educational specialists other than state supervisors on his own initiative. Yes
- In the elementary school there is an organized guidance program with a person at its head specifically responsible for its administration. No
- In the high school, for every 250 students, there is at least one guidance counselor who is engaged in at least part-time counseling activities with at least partial relief from teaching duties. Yes
- There is a psychologist or psychiatrist available for consultation. Yes
- At least \$1.25 a year is spent on the school library for each pupil in the school's average daily attendance. Yes
- A person trained in library techniques gives scheduled instruction in the use of a school library. Yes
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**Students Donate 100 Pints of Blood.**

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**COAL IS A ROCK**

Geologists classify coal as a sedimentary rock because it occurs in the natural succession of sedimentary rocks, and it has no fixed formula and varies in its chemical makeup.

**'College Life' Chosen As Theme of Homecoming**

"College Life" will be the theme of El Camino College's second Homecoming Day to be held in the College stadium Thanksgiving Day, November 23. The homecoming program will feature a parade of floats in addition to the final football game of the season, against East Los Angeles J.C. The stadium festivities will begin at 12 noon. A dance in the Hermosa Biltmore hotel is being sponsored by the El Camino Alumni association to complete the day's activities.

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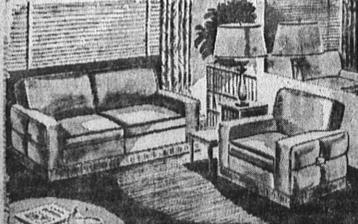
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**Final Volunteer Marine Reserves Call Goes Out**

One Torrance area man was included in the call-up of the last group of Volunteer Marine Corps Reservists, according to Col. J. O. Brauer, director of the Eleventh Marine Corps Reserve District.

Receiving his orders to report to Camp Pendleton along with hundreds of other Southerlanders was Pvt. Willis E. Warren, of 20402 New Hampshire avenue.

Technical and master sergeants and all officer grades are still on the inactive rolls, according to Colonel Bauer. No plans for the mobilization of reservists on the inactive rolls has been announced.

**ROAD PLAY COSTLY**

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